

# BRT Corridor Studies Steering Committee

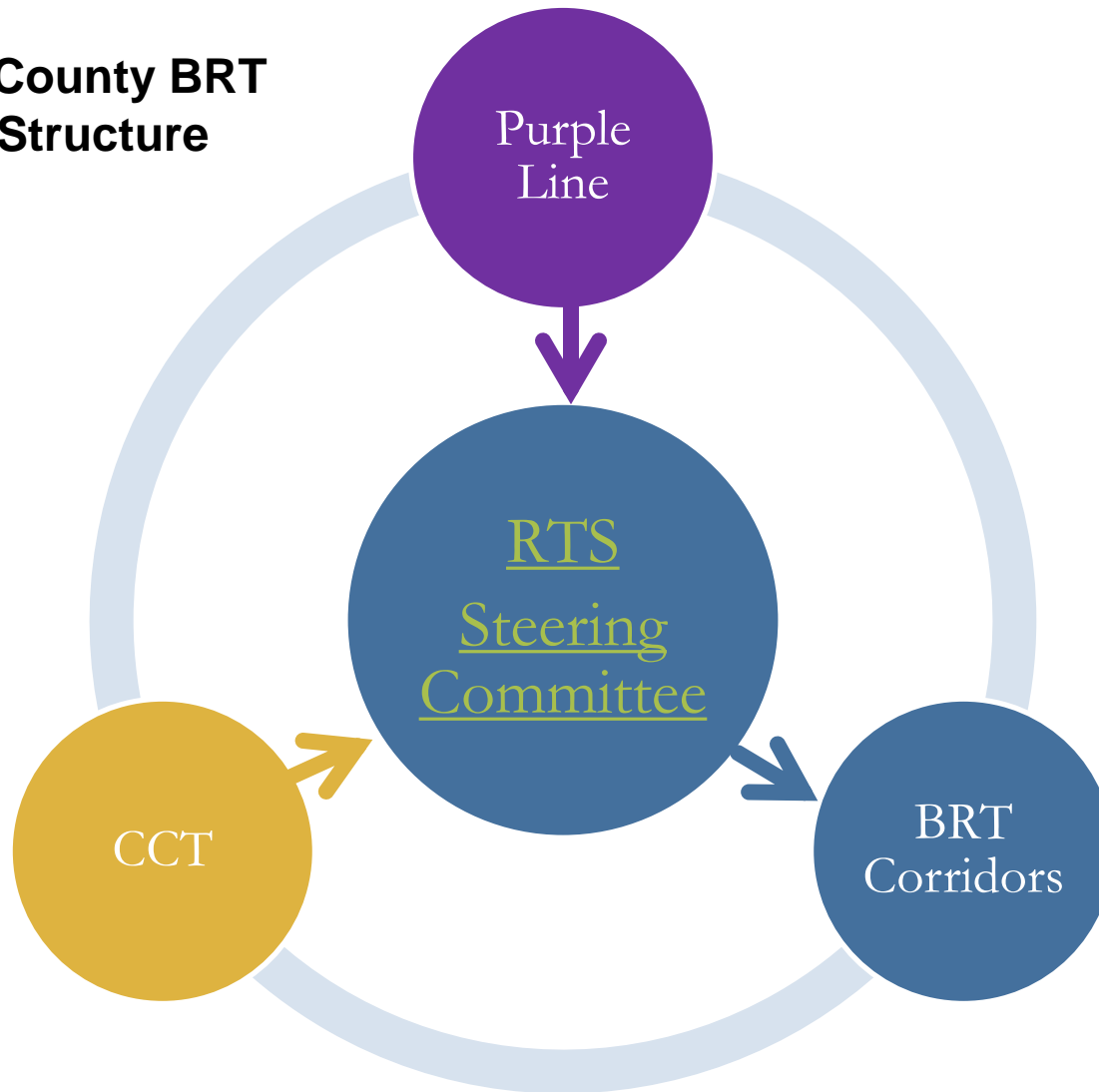
## Montgomery County **RAPID TRANSIT**

BRT CORRIDOR STUDIES

October 28, 2015



## Montgomery County BRT Management Structure



# RTS Goals and Objectives

Guidance leading toward:

- Purpose and need statements for corridor studies and NEPA documents
- Evaluation measures to compare alternatives
- Development of design standards for stations, vehicles, and service plans
- Performance standards for operating service

## Goal 1

Improve Quality of Transit Service

## Objectives

Make Bus Trips Faster

Make Door-to-Door  
Transit Travel Time  
Competitive with  
Door-to-Door Auto  
Travel

Increase Transit  
Ridership

Provide an Appealing  
Transit Service that  
will Attract New  
Riders

## Measures of Effectiveness

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## Goal 2

### Improve Mobility Opportunities and Choices

## Objectives

Serve as Many Travelers as Possible by Efficiently Utilizing the Right-of-Way

Balance Travel Times for Automobile and Transit Users

Enhance Pedestrian and Bicycle Options in the Corridors

Create Direct Transfers Between Premium Bus and Other Modes

## Measures of Effectiveness

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## Goal 3

Develop Transit Services that Enhance Quality of Life

## Objectives

Provide Premium Transit Service Convenient to Households and Jobs within the Corridor

Minimize Private Property Impacts

Serve Transit Dependent Populations

Engage Public in Process

## Measures of Effectiveness

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## Goal 4

Develop Transit Services that Support Master  
Planned Development

## Objectives

Improve Alternative  
Transportation Service to and  
Between Activity Centers

Increase Trips by Non-  
Automobile Modes to Support  
Development in the Master  
Plan

Select station locations that  
support infill and  
redevelopment

## Measures of Effectiveness

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## Goal 5

Support Sustainable and Cost Effective Transportation Solutions

## Objectives

Maintain Environmental Quality  
(5.1)

Minimize Cost of Building and  
Operating Transportation Services  
(6.1)

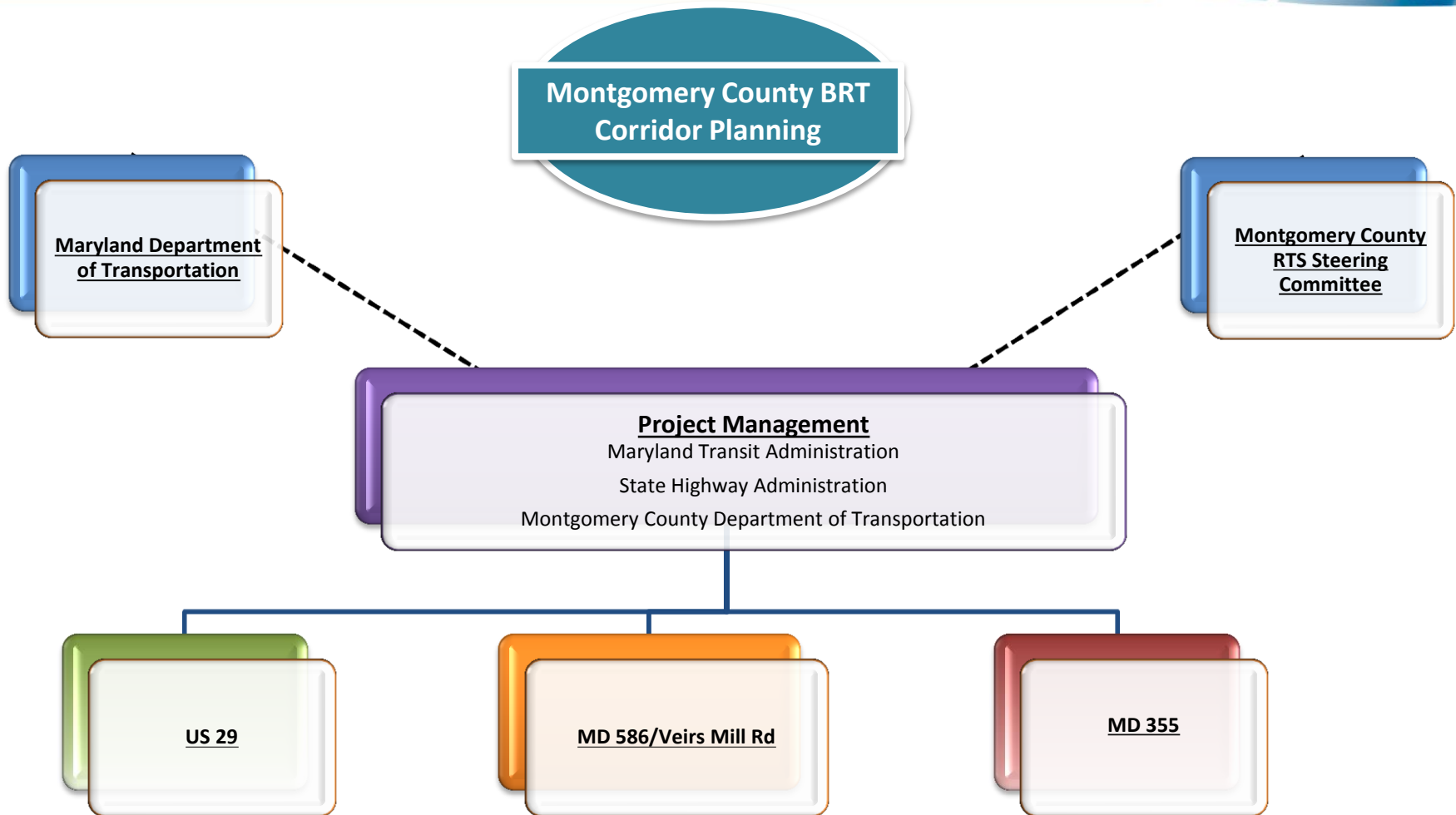
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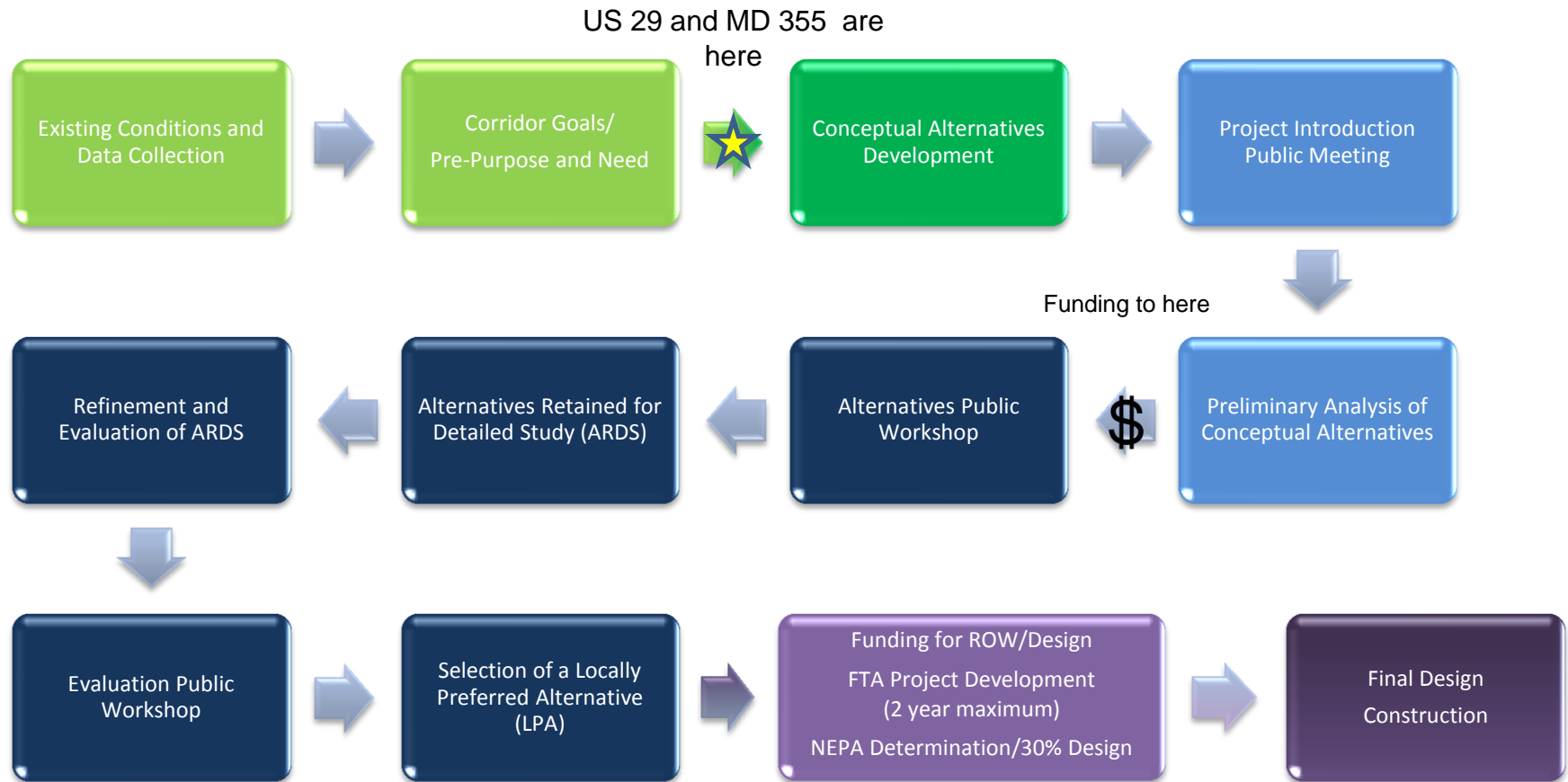
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# CORRIDOR PLANNING STATUS



# Corridor Planning Process



# US 29 & MD 355 Milestone Schedule



	Summer 2015	Fall 2015	Winter 2016	Spring 2016	Summer 2016	Fall 2016	Winter 2017	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Fall 2017	Winter 2018	Spring 2018	Summer 2018	Fall 2018	Winter 2019
Project Purpose and Need Background		★													
Conceptual Alternatives			★												
Project Introduction Public Meeting				★											
Ridership, Traffic and Impacts Analysis					★										
Alts. Public Workshop															
ARDS Package						★									
Alternatives Refinement															
Build Traffic & Ridership															
Environmental Tech Analysis															
Draft Corridor Report															
Public Workshop															
LPA Selection															



# MD 586 Status

## Detailed Engineering and Environmental Analyses Underway

- December 2015: Engineering and Cost Estimates complete
- February 2016: Environmental Impacts Matrix and reports
- February 2016: Traffic and Ridership Forecasting
- December 2015: CAC Meeting for detailed alternatives
- June 2016: Evaluation public workshop
- Summer 2016: LPA selection

# CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

# General Outreach

- [Corridor Advisory Committees](#) (CAC)
- Coordination with agencies through [Steering Committee](#)
- Open Houses
  - Project Introduction – April 2016
  - Alternatives Retained for Study – Fall 2016
- Stakeholder Meetings as Requested

# Corridor Advisory Committees – Next Steps

## ■ Meeting #5

- Draft Agenda
  - Purpose and Need, Goals and Objectives
  - Updated Project Process and Schedule
  - Introduction to Conceptual Alternatives
- Dates
  - US 29 North: December 1 at East County Regional Service Center
  - US 29 South: December 2 at Silver Spring Civic Center
  - MD 355 North: December 10 at Uptown County Regional Service Center
  - MD 355 South: December 15 at EOB Auditorium

## ■ Meeting #6

- Draft Agenda
  - The Alternatives
  - Measures of Effectiveness
- Dates - February TBD



# Questions, Comments & Contacts



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